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SUBJECT: US-USSR COOPERATION IN ENERGY: MEETING OF GAS EXPERTS

1. SCIOFF MET NOVEMBER 13 WITH GULYAYEV OF MINGAS TO RECEIVE MINGAS PROPOSALS FOR MEETING OF TEMPORARY GROUP OF GAS EXPERTS AND LETTER TO DUNNING FROM ZAYTSEV.

2. MINGAS PROPOSALS ON TIMING ARE BASED ON EARLIER POSSIBILITY THAT MEETING OF GAS EXPERTS WOULD BE HELD IN DECEMBER 1975, IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ENERGY JOINT COMMITTEE SESSION. GULYAYEV STATED THAT MINGAS STILL PREFERS DECEMBER SCHEDULING BUT WOULD BE AMENABLE TO JANUARY TIMING. GULYAYEV EXPLAINED THAT SCHEDULE PROPOSALS PRESENTED FOR DECEMBER DATES WOULD APPLY AS WELL FOR TIMING IN JANUARY. ONLY TIMING FACTOR OF NOTE IS THAT ITINERARY CALLS FOR USDEL ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW ON A SUNDAY.

3. GULYAYEV REQUESTED THAT US GAS EXPERTS CONSIDER PROPOSALS AND INFORM MINGAS ASAP OF ANY REQUESTED TIMING AND ITINERARY CHANGES. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. FULL TEXT OF LETTER TO DUNNING FROM ZAYTSEV FOLLOWS:
BEGIN QUOTE. DEAR MR. DUNNING, PERMIT ME, FIRST OF ALL, TO THANK YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF THE GAS INDUSTRY AND MYSELF FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN TEMPORARY GROUP OF EXPERTS ON GAS, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN YOUR COUNTRY IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR, AND ALSO FOR
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ALLOWING OUR DELEGATION THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE SCIENTISTS, RESEARCHERS, AND INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

AND ENTERPRISES IN THE US GAS INDUSTRY.

AT PRESENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND THE PROTOCOL OF THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON 22 AUGUST 1975, WE HAVE PREPARED A PROGRAM FOR THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS TO TAKE PLACE IN THE USSR. THE PROGRAM IS BASED ON THE DESIRES OF THE AMERICAN SIDE AS REFLECTED IN THE PROTOCOL (APPENDIX 4).

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUGGESTED PROGRAM WE EXPECT THE AMERICAN DELEGATION OF GAS EXPERTS TO ARRIVE IN THE SOVIET UNION ON 30 NOVEMBER, THE CONCLUSION OF THE BASIC PART OF THE PROGRAM AND THE SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOL OF THE SECOND CONFERENCE BY 7 DECEMBER, AND THEN THE CONCLUSION OF THE FAMILIARIZATION TRIP BY 14 DECEMBER 1975.

WE HOPE, THAT IN KEEPING WITH THE PROTOCOL OF THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE GROUP OF GAS EXPERTS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF THE HEAD OF THE COMMISSION ON ENERGY, THAT YOUR DELEGATION WILL BE ABLE AND AUTHORIZED TO DEFINE THE PRIMARY SUBJECTS OF OUR COLLABORATION SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE A CONSTRUCTIVE ANSWER AND COORDINATED SUGGESTIONS AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON ENERGY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE AND SEEKING TO CONDUCT OUR SECOND MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROGRAM, WE ASK YOU TO BE SURE TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS.

- (1) TO INFORM IN ADVANCE THE MINISTRY OF THE GAS INDUSTRY AND THE CORRESPONDING DIPLOMATIC DEPARTMENT OF THE FINAL COMPOSITION OF YOUR DELEGATION WITH THE INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THE FORMALITIES; TO CONFIRM THE PLANS FOR THE VISIT IN THE USSR DURING THE PERIOD ABOVE.
- (2) TO APPLY FOR VISAS TO VISIT THE USSR LISTING EACH CITY SHOWN IN THE PROGRAM.
- (3) TO HAVE ROUND TRIP TICKETS WITH OPEN DATES OR TO HAVE AT THE START MEANS FOR TRAVEL ON THE PLANNED TRIPS.
- (4) TO HAVE IN MIND THAT IN THE PERIOD FROM THE 1ST TO THE 6TH OF DECEMBER, YOUR GROUP WILL HAVE TWO DIFFERENT TRIPS, IN CONNECTION WITH WHICH WE ASK TO INDICATE THE COMPOSITION OF THESE

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TWO SUBGROUPS--IDEALLY OF EQUAL NUMBER.

WE HOPE THAT OUR SECOND JOINT CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN A BUSINESSLIKE SPIRIT AND WILL CREATE THE BASIS FOR FURTHER COLLABORATION. RESPECTFULLY YU. V. ZAYTSEV, DEPUTY MINISTER, LEADER OF THE SOVIET PART OF THE GROUP OF GAS EXPERTS. END QTE.

5. ITINERARY FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

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